

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to include priority data as required pursuant 37 C.F.R. §1.78. Applicants have hereinabove-cancelled claims 1-75 without prejudice to their right to pursue the cancelled subject matter in a later filed divisional or continuation application.

Applicants have added new claims 76-152. Support for new claims 76-152 is provided below. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to the specification and the addition of new claims 76-152 does not add new matter to the subject application. Accordingly, upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment claims 76-152 will be pending.

Support for new claim 76 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 4, line 11 through page 6, line 34 and original claim 37. Support for new claim 77 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 8-11 and original claim 38. Support for new claim 78 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 12 and 13 and original claim 39. Support for new claim 79 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 14-16 and original claim 40. Support for new claim 80 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 17 and 18 and original claim 41. Support for new claim 81 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, line 19 and original claim 42. Support for new claim 82 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, line 20 and original claim 43. Support for new claim 83 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 22-28 and original claim 44. Support for new claim 84 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 29-34 and original claim 45. Support for new claim 85 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 1-6 and original claim 46. Support for new claim 86 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, lines 20-23 and original claim 47.

Support for new claim 87 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 7-21 and original claim 48. Support for new claim 88 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 22-24 and original claim 49. Support for new claim 89 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, line 25 and original claim 50. Support for new claim 90 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 27-30 and original claim 51. Support for new claim 91 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 31 and 32 and original claim 52. Support for new claim 92 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, line 33 through page 11, line 1 and original claim 53. Support for new claim 93 may be found,

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inter alia, at page 11, lines 2 and 3 and original claim 54. Support for new claim 94 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 4 and original claim 55. Support for new claim 95 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 5 and original claim 56. Support for new claim 96 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, lines 18 and 19 and original claim 57. Support for new claim 97 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, line 20 and original claim 58. Support for new claim 98 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, line 21 and original claim 59.

Support for new claim 99 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, lines 22-24 and original claim 60. Support for new claim 100 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, lines 25-27 and original claim 61. Support for new claim 101 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 7 and original claim 62. Support for new claim 102 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 8 and original claim 63. Support for new claim 103 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 9 and original claim 64. Support for new claim 104 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 4, line 11 through page 6, line 34, page 39, lines 1-3 and original claim 66. Support for new claim 105 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 13, line 23 through page 14, line 17, page 24, lines 1-14 and original claim 68. Support for new claim 106 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 14, lines 15 and 16 and original claim 68. Support for new claim 107 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 19, line 24 through page 21, line 4 and original claim 69. Support for new claim 108 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 21, lines 4-15 and original claim 69. Support for new claim 109 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 22, lines 13-20 and original claim 70. Support for new claim 110 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 22, lines 18-20 and original claim 70. Support for new claim 111 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 22, lines 18-20 and original claim 70. Support for new claim 112 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 22, lines 22-33 and original claim 71.

Support for new claim 113 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 28 and original claim 71. Support for new claim 114 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 23, lines 9-20 and original claim 72. Support for new claim 115 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 23, line 16 and original claim 72. Support for new claim 116 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 26, lines 9-19 and original claim 73. Support for new claim 117 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 26, lines 18

and 19 and original claim 73. Support for new claim 118 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 30, lines 19-26 and original claim 74. Support for new claim 119 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 1, lines 16-20, page 1, line 28 through page 4, line 4 and original claims 1 and 2. Support for new claim 120 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 8-11 and original claim 3. Support for new claim 121 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 12 and 13 and original claim 4. Support for new claim 122 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 14-16 and original claim 5. Support for new claim 123 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 17 and 18 and original claim 6. Support for new claim 124 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, line 19 and original claim 7. Support for new claim 125 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, line 20 and original claim 8.

Support for new claim 126 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 22-28 and original claim 9. Support for new claim 127 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 9, lines 29-34 and original claim 10. Support for new claim 128 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 1-6 and original claim 11. Support for new claim 129 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, lines 20-23 and original claim 12. Support for new claim 130 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 7-21 and original claim 13. Support for new claim 131 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 22-24 and original claim 14. Support for new claim 132 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, line 25 and original claim 15. Support for new claim 133 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 27-30 and original claim 16. Support for new claim 134 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, lines 31 and 32 and original claim 17. Support for new claim 135 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 10, line 33 through page 11, line 1 and original claim 18. Support for new claim 136 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11 lines 2 and 3 and original claim 19. Support for new claim 137 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 4 and original claim 20. Support for new claim 138 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 5 and original claim 21.

Support for new claim 139 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12 lines 18 and 19 and original claim 22. Support for new claim 140 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, line 20 and original claim 23. Support for new claim 141 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, line 21 and

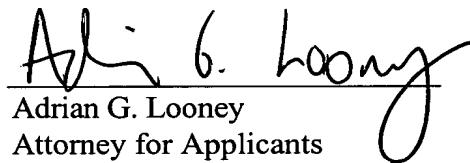
original claim 24. Support for new claim 142 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, lines 22-24 and original claim 25. Support for new claim 143 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 12, lines 25-27 and original claim 26. Support for new claim 144 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 7 and original claim 27. Support for new claim 145 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 8 and original claim 28. Support for new claim 146 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 11, line 9 and original claim 29. Support for new claim 147 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 41, line 1 through page 106, line 25 and original claim 30. Support for new claim 148 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 59, line 2, page 84, lines 2 and 3, page 93, line 5 and original claim 75. Support for new claim 149 may be found, *inter alia*, in original claim 31. Support for new claim 150 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 1, lines 16-20, page 1, line 28 through page 4, line 5 and original claim 35. Support for new claim 151 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 41, line 1 through page 106, line 25 and original claim 31. Support for new claim 152 may be found, *inter alia*, at page 59, line 2, page 84, lines 2 and 3, page 93, line 5 and original claim 75.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added to the present application.

Applicants have attached hereto a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached marked-up version is labeled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made – Do Not Enter ". The marked-up version can be found following the signature page of this Amendment.

A favorable response is requested.

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In the Specification

The following sentence containing the continuing application data for the subject application has been added following the Title of the application on page 1 as follows: "The application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/220,087, filed July 21, 2000 and U.K. Patent Application No. 0016787.4, filed July 7, 2000, both of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety."

In the claims

Claims 1-75 have been cancelled. New claims 76-152 have been added.